A Parents' guide to using Tapestry

Dear Parents,

Everyone has now been added to Tapestry so if you haven't received a link in regards to activating your account please see your child's class teacher. You can access your child's observations via the internet but there is also an app which you can download.

Observations by Parents

One of the fantastic features of Tapestry is that parents can also add observations/wow moments from home to their child's journal. This is a great way of supporting us in assessing your child outside the school environment, it also provides us with opportunities to celebrate any achievements your child has made at home. On the back of this letter there are instructions on how to do this. Here are a few tips for writing your observation.

- 1. Add a title to your observation to summarise the moment e.g. Riding a bike
- 2. When writing your observation keep it simple. Try and record what your child said in their exact words and then comment on why this is a wow moment e.g. 'X was excited to learn to ride a bike without stabilisers, she said "I was scared I would fall off but I never gave up".
- 3. If you wish, then you can add a photo or video to your observation (please keep videos to a maximum of 1 minute long).

Commenting on observations that staff have written

When you read the observations by staff there is an option for you to leave a reply. Perhaps your child has done something similar at home or is showing particular interest in the topic of the observation - if so we would love to hear about it. Sometimes you may just enjoy reading the comment as it is something new that your child has learned to do. You can just click on the like button if this is the case.

Remember: - Any publishing of staff observations from Tapestry onto social media is strictly prohibited.

Please celebrate your child's development by sharing the Learning Journal with them at home, we are sure your child would love to talk about what they have been learning at school.

Please contact a member of staff if you are unsure about how to use any of the Tapestry features.

Kind Regards

Mrs McErlean, Mrs Baird and Mrs Clarke.

